

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/274/18/TC**

Location: **90 The Fairway, Aldwick PO21 4EW**

Description of works: **To cut back to previous pollarding points 4No. lime trees.**

Reasons Given: To prevent building interference / excessive shading / maintain structural integrity

Comments on Application:

4x Lime *Tilia sp.* Height: Approx. 10m Average spread: 2.5m Age class: Mature

- Following a desktop review, our records indicate that this linear group of trees is the subject of an Order and I make my recommendations on that basis.
- Outwardly and from a distance they appear to be in a fine physiological state.
- They have been the subject of past pollarding work and appear to have responded with vigour.
- They are discreetly situated alongside a dwelling but visible from nearby properties and to highway users. They represent a noteworthy arboricultural feature of visual interest.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the mid-summer (mid-June to mid-September) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- *See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.*

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

